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(Case No. 006420.00001)

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Abhijit De)
Serial No.: 10/663,191) Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: September 16, 2003) Examiner: (TBA)
For: Gum Based Chewing Product and Process)
for Preparing the Same)

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U.S. Patent Documents

	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
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Foreign Patent Document(s)

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1. 187110	India	02-02-2002

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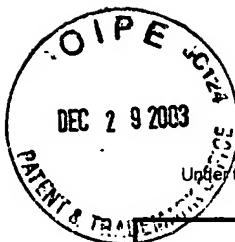
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